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A MORNING TONIC.

(O. W. Holmes.) The way to argue down a vice is, not tell lies about it, to say that it has no attractions, when everybody knows that it has...

HOW JUSTICE MISCARRIES.

In 1891 the Keystone National Bank, of Philadelphia, failed, and President Marsh was found to have been guilty of crooked conduct. He was indicted in the Federal court and gave a \$20,000 bond for his appearance.

Such miscarriage of justice in the case of bank wreckers, who are known to have profited by their crookedness, does much to cause the people to lose faith in the equal administration of laws.

China is as much too severe in its punishment of bank officials—they hang every officer and director when a bank fails—as this country is too lax.

SENATOR QUAY'S CONSCIENCE.

Senator Quay is trying to get the Republicans to pass bills admitting New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma to Statehood. One of his arguments is that the Republicans promised to make States out of these territories in their national platform.

"If the Republicans can lie to the people about the admission of the territories in their platform, they can lie about every other provision in the platform." It is gratifying, even at this late date, to see that Senator Quay has a conscience, and that he believes that his Republican colleagues can be reached by an appeal to stand by the party's solemn pledge.

The Republicans promised to suppress the "bad trusts," but they haven't found any. They told us they would perform what Mr. McKinley declared to be a "plain duty," but so far they have failed to do so because the sugar trust controlled enough Senators to defeat it.

Senator Bacon is right. The New State to be admitted of Oklahoma should be named Jefferson. The two greatest men America has produced were Washington and Jefferson. It is fitting that the capital of the Republic and a State should be named for Washington.

The news from Washington is that all the anti-trust bills before Congress will be blocked. Republican hostility to trusts usually ends with the election returns.

THE VENEZUELA SITUATION AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

The situation in Venezuela must give pause to all Americans. The Monroe doctrine, our pillar of cloud in our foreign policy, commits us to prevent the acquisition of territory by any European country on this hemisphere.

"We owe it, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers (any European power) to declare that we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety."

In the preservation of this doctrine, in view of the acute situation in Venezuela, we may be confronted with the most difficult and delicate duty in the history of the Republic. This country, of course, cannot take part in the contention about debts between England and Germany on the one hand and Venezuela on the other.

If there is room for suspicion that the claims afford a desired excuse to seize the customs houses and gain a foothold in Venezuela, the occasion may arise when this country must take steps to enforce the Monroe doctrine.

The secret of Dr. Brown's success is told in these two sentences—Mr. Watson's statement that he believed in the brotherhood of man and Dr. Brown's statement of his abounding love for his brethren of every faith and order.

Every good man in North Carolina is blessed by the life and long service of Dr. Brown and every one will hope that he will be long spared to illustrate in his life the religion he preaches.

There is not room to doubt that President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay will act with discretion and vigor if necessary to preserve the Monroe doctrine. It is generally believed that there has been an understanding between representatives of the United States with Great Britain and Germany that they will do nothing to impair the Monroe doctrine.

owning colonies. England and Great Britain would do the same thing in Venezuela if they dare. Mr. Olney not long ago predicted what the present action may foreshadow when, in a public speech, he said that Germany and the United States were joining in a sort of handshake as a courteous but significant preliminary to the combat before them.

The European powers, while never acknowledging the right of the United States to exercise the power of dominating this hemisphere, have not been disposed to resist it. During the years of the comparative weakness of the American navy they did not choose to put us to the test of defending the doctrine, partly because they were busy colonizing those countries that could not help themselves without invoking the aid of the United States.

The strength of the Monroe doctrine has been largely due to the fact that, in declaring that no European country should "extend their system" to any portion of this hemisphere, we have not entered into any scramble with other nations for the African or Oriental possessions, but have confined our operations to this hemisphere. As long as we did not grab colonies in other parts of the world, we had a logical strength in maintaining the Monroe doctrine which all the world recognized in the forum of right if it did not in terms acquiesce in it.

THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS.

That was a remarkable service in Winston on Sunday, participated in by the pastors of all the churches and Confederate veterans, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. H. A. Brown, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church.

The Virginian-Pilot says Captain J. W. Simmons, inspector of hulls for this district, has been removed from his position. No reason has been stated as to the cause. Capt. Simmons was greatly surprised when he received notice of his removal.

Another Fayetteville Negro Gaining Fame. Charles Chestnut, the well-known author, is not the only Fayetteville negro that has gone abroad and gained fame. W. H. Council, a nephew of our esteemed colored townswoman, Joshua Council, is second only to Booker Washington, as one of Alabama's educators of the colored youth.

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THE ESQUIMO The Esquimo eats blubber. The lumbermen eat pork. These people are constantly exposed to cold and physical strain. Experience has taught them that fatty foods give warmth and nourishment.

Spirit of the Press.

THE VICK-PRITCHARD CONTEST. Washington Star.

Wilson is a small town in North Carolina, and the postmaster is of course in keeping with the size of the community. But a contest has arisen over the office which has attracted wide attention, and the President's decision in the premises is awaited with much interest far beyond the locality immediately concerned.

The incumbent's name is Vick, and he is a man of color. He has discharged the duties of the office satisfactorily, both to his official superiors and to the people of Wilson. The records of the Post-office Department and the testimony of the vicinage are in his favor.

Here, it may be seen, is a case which upon its face seems to put the President to the test on a recent deliverance of his. He said in his letter to a South Carolinian on the subject of appointments to office that no discrimination would be made against a man solely because of his color.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT THAT WILL CARRY A BLESSING EVERY DAY. Greensboro Telegram.

The operatives of the mills of the Messrs. Cone will have a nice Christmas gift in the form of a reduction in hours which will mean an increase of ten per cent in wages.

WANTS TOTAL STATE PROHIBITION. Greenville Reflector.

If the coming session of the Legislature of North Carolina would pass a law prohibiting the liquor traffic in every form in this State and then adjourn, it would go down in history as the greatest and wisest law-making body that ever sat in the Halls of Legislation of North Carolina.

Politics and Politicians.

In Joseph Ernest Erwin the people of Burke county will have a capable and conscientious representative in the next Legislature. To the end that he may legislate to the very best interests of his people, Mr. Erwin has given notice that he will ask for conference at his home, sometime between Christmas and New Year's, with representative men from every section of his county.

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The News and Observer has received a letter from Major F. K. Huger, superintendent second division of the Seaboard Air Line, in which he says: "You will see from the attached that with your kind assistance something has already been accomplished."

The N. C. Saloon Situation.

(The North Carolina Baptist.) From the best information we have, the following is the liquor situation in North Carolina by counties:

COUNTIES WITHOUT SALOONS. Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Bladen, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Cumberland, Currituck, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Gaston, Gates, Harnett, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Jones, Lincoln, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Pamlico, Pender, Perquimans, Polk, Randolph, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Stanley, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey.

COUNTIES WITH SALOONS. Anson, 5; Beaufort, 9; Bertie, 11; Brunswick, 2; Buncombe, 16; Camden, 3; Carteret, 2; Caswell, 2; Catawba, 3; Chowan, 3; Craven, 14; Dare, 1; Durham, 3; Edgecombe, 15; Forsyth, 9; Graham, 1; Granville, 4; Greene, 3; Guilford, 10; Halifax, 25; Johnston, 6; Lenoir, 13; McDowell, 2; Madison, 1; Martin, 24; Mecklenburg, 16; Nash, 13; New Hanover, 68; Onslow, 7; Orange, 3; Pasquotank, 10; Person, 3; Pitt, 25; Richmond, 9; Rockingham, 11; Rowan, 10; Stokes, 1; Vance, 7; Wake, 27; Washington, 11; Wayne, 17; Wilson, 24; Yrebbell, 3.

COUNTIES WITH DISPENSARIES. Edgecombe, 1; Franklin, 1; Haywood, 1; Hertford, 1; Johnston, 4; Macon, 1; Northampton, 1; Rutherford, 1; Union, 1; Warren, 1.

It will be observed that, according to the above list there are 483 saloons in the State and 13 dispensaries. More than 300 of these saloons are found in 21 counties, whose sum total of negro population exceeds the white population.

A Notable Legal Victory.

(Washington Messenger.) Mr. E. S. Simmons, who appeared in the case of B. J. Smith vs. Joseph A. Paul, that was given to the jury Thursday night and who did not render their verdict until Friday afternoon, won one of the most remarkable victories that has occurred in Beaufort county since the late F. B. Satterthwaite appeared at our bar. Though he had two of the ablest attorneys opposed to him, and the judge charged the jury directly against the contentions of Mr. Simmons after he had heard the evidence, he won a great victory for Mr. Simmons, even if His Honor did direct the jury to retire again and bring in another verdict.

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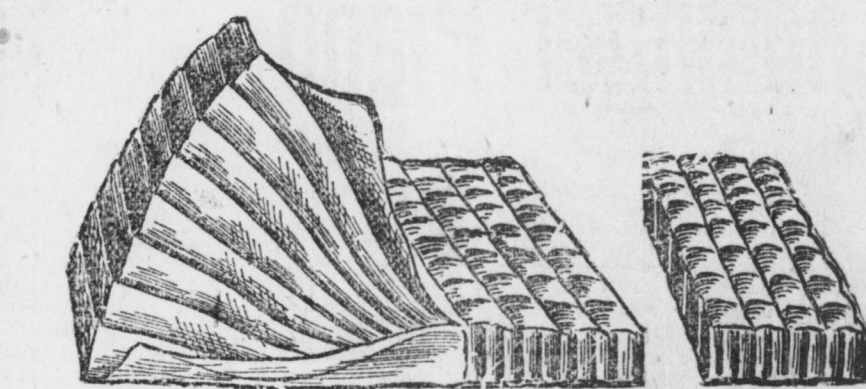
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